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Dear Mr. Lloyd:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A of your report (pertinent portion attached) discloses a contribution(s) which appears to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. An individual or a political committee other than a qualified multicandidate committee may not make a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$1,000 per election. A qualified multicandidate committee and all affiliated committees may not make contributions to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election. (2 U.S.C. §441a(a) and (f))

The Commission notes your refund and redesignation of the excessive contribution(s). The acceptance of excessive contributions is a serious problem. The Committee's procedures for processing contributions should be examined and corrected in order to avoid this problem. Although the Commission may take further legal action, your action in refunding and redesignating the excessive amount(s) within 60 days will be considered.

-For future reports, please be advised that contributions to other committees or charitable organizations are not operating expenditures. These amounts should be disclosed on Line 21 of the Detailed Summary Page and itemized on a separate Schedule B.